

Let Us Stick to the Text.

Although our pointed questioning attracted the commercial to do more than four columns in the evening's issue to the subject of prohibition, we can find in no one of them anything resembling a disposition to contradict the propositions of our article which was the subject of its original structures. We are justified, therefore, by every rule of logic and every principle of argument in assuming that it recedes from its former hasty criticism, and that it now concedes the truth and force of our propositions.

That there is absolutely no plea to be made in favor of prohibition, is a fact that it is patent that liquor-saloon are a curse that eat into the life of a community.

That every interest of family, of business, of good morals, of happiness of young or old is gravely assailed and impeded by the dealing out of intoxicating drink.

And while it seems reluctant to admit that these premises lead to the inevitable conclusion "that it is strange that the 'Whig' can gain or keep a foothold in communities where so many intelligent people make their homes," we are sure that it is equally strange to the great majority of thoughtful people.

Our contemporary manifests a desire to change the line of discussion and seems anxious to talk about the feelings and opinions of the people in other States; but just now we are more interested in the practical facts of the situation in our own community bearing upon the subject of the suppression of the liquor traffic.

"The Commercial is just now wearing spectacles of such long range, that it is vain to talk about things in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, when the real matter under consideration is the desirability of keeping the rum-saloon of Bangor shut up, so that our local authorities have denoted their ability to close them. Let us stick to the text. This is a matter of direct personal interest to our own citizens and of grave importance to the reputation and welfare of our city. To seek to evade this present and pertinent issue by asking 'What would it be willing to give to the people?' is simply silly. As ally as such a question has been in an interval between the election of the next thirty-year old years of the people.

This State has unvaryingly retained their belief in the policy of prohibiting the liquor traffic.

"There has never been such a contest in which 'the World' was not 'willing' to have that issue squarely presented to the people, and on the radical proposition of a Prohibitory Constitutional Amendment, the expediency of which was questioned by many friends of the system, the popular majority last fall eight voted of reaching 37,000."

But there is no election pending now, and no periphery in Bangor about what would occur if we had one.

The question is whether the people of Bangor desire that the laws of our own State shall be obeyed in our own community. In an article, from another paper quoted with approval by our contemporary it is declared that "the real work of the friends of temperance is to promote personal temperance, to enforce local 'sanitary laws' that tend to curb and lessen the saloon influence. As our own laws are framed for that purpose and have accomplished that, and yet very ineffectively in our city when put into operation, it would seem that the article quoted is an insult to our contemporary to rush into their enforcement."

Why does the Commercial advocate license instead of prohibition? Is it because it believes the former system would be more certain and effective in suppressing the liquor traffic? That cannot be, because that paper is now applying prohibition for the very reason that it has failed the practical suppression of the liquor traffic in its own city.

Is it because the Commercial believes that under license there could be that "practical regulation of the liquor traffic" which it so glibly talks about? That cannot be, because in last evening's issue it gave the use to this purpose by commending the "comprehensive system" in its editorial column, the following words:

"The cause that makes with 'license laws,' or any other laws, that interfere with the unrighteous transactions of mankind? Yet our contemporary, adopts the statement and declares 'this is a world of truth and philosophy in it.'"

But we find another statement of fact in the Commercial that is more cogent than that of subterfuge. It is in its report of Thursday's celebration and reads as follows:

"It is estimated that there were 10,000 people in the city during the day and that it went home happy. The best of order prevailed, and the most of the evening was on duty, but the most commendable success was a fact, fully commented upon."

"Yes, it was freely commented upon, and our people have been asking themselves why we should return to a condition of things that will daily make the large volume of drunkenness in our streets as obvious as the recent sobriety and good order."

What solitary legitimate interest of Bangor is suffering because the flow of liquor poison has been cut off?

What possible benefit to our people can result from letting the pestilence stream carry defiance and misery along through the streets and into the homes of our beautiful city?

The drunkard-manufacturers of Bangor are closed to-day by authority of the laws of the Commonwealth and the ordinances of the city.

Who would assume the power or the dreadful responsibility of revoking that prohibition of their traffic?

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